

Durham Regional Forest to Crow's Pass Loop

Park at [Walker Woods parking lot](#), 2993 Concession Rd 7, Goodwood, ON.

Cross the road and walk east up the track towards the cell towers. After 100 metres turn left at the trail entrance.

The trail wends itself through a forest of tall pines, then goes gently downhill. At the fork turn left.

Follow the trail, turning right at the “wrong way “ sign.

Follow the trail through deciduous bush. At the gravel road, cross and continue on the trail.

After 100 metres the trail turns sharply left hugging the side of a small hill.

Keeping the valley on your left follow the trail along the side of the ridge.

Just after reaching the top walk past the wrong way sign, then turn sharply left down Superfly Alley. This trail has plenty of turns and ups and downs, some steep, but also some level bits as it travels in a generally southeasterly direction through the forest.

At the end you reach a wide trail (Red Oak Trail). Turn left.

After 140 meters, just past the Great Trail post, you reach a junction. Turn right.

After 150 metres this track reaches a crossroads. Go straight, the track becomes a trail.

The trail bends right then descends slightly to join with a trail coming in from the left. Hang right ignoring the “wrong way “ sign but be alert for mountain bikers coming in the opposite direction.

Follow this trail south for 400 metres- it is mostly flat and straight. The trail ends where you leave Durham Regional Forest. Turn left (east).

You are now on a side trail of the Oak Ridges Trail (blue blazes). After 50 metres ignore the wide trail going off to the right (south); instead keep going straight (east).

After another 300 metres the trail turns right, Stay on it, ignoring the trail going off to your left and walk south, uphill.

The trail meanders and reaches a T- junction where you turn right following the blue blazes.

After 300 metres the blue blazed trail ends at the T-junction.

This is Point A. You can turn back towards your car here, fast-forwarding to where the description below returns to Point A (top of page 3). This would make for a 7 km hike. If you do the extension described immediately below, your hike will be 13kms.

Turn left on to the white blazed Oak Ridge Trail.

At S6 turn left following the white blazes. Soon you enter private property. Ignore the track crossing the trail and stay on the white blazed trail. It descends and reaches Lake Ridge Rd. You have now walked just over 4.5 kms.

Turn left (north) following the road for just over 100 metres. Walk facing the busy traffic.

At the driveway on the right (#11995 Lake Ridge Rd) cross the road. Follow the white blazed trail (ignore the ATV trail parallel to the road; instead turn sharply south and uphill).

For 900 metres after leaving the road the trail travels due east. You reach a junction where you turn right onto the white blazed trail to enter Crow's Pass Conservation Area.

Walking through pretty pine forest, after 300 metres you come to a T-junction where the white blazed trail turns left. You however will turn right on to the blue blazed trail.

After walking through pretty hardwood forest the topography opens up a bit to what may in the past have been farmland. This is a good place for a picnic in the sun.

The trail, now grassy underfoot and wide, undulates over small hills. At the fork a trail marked with red maple leaves turns right. Ignore it and bear right, staying on the blue blazed trail.

At the T-junction turn right towards the parking lot. (You are now just over halfway your hike).

Just after the gate a trail turns off to the right almost taking you back in the direction you came from. Take this trail. You are now starting the return leg of your hike.

The trail travels due west – keep your eye out for deer - to eventually climb a hill at the top of which it widens and reaches the far end of Crow's Passage, a gravel road.

Walking downhill you reach what looks like a fork but is really a left turn. Stay on the road walking downhill for 400 metres to reach Lake Ridge Rd. You have now walked 8.5 kms.

Cross the road and turn right following the road north. Be sure to walk facing the busy traffic.

Keeping the ski hills to your left follow Lake Ridge Rd for 500 metres, where an ATV trail crosses the road. **Note:** *the gpx track turns left up this trail and into the forest. Don't do this as it is a dead end and you would be trespassing. Instead stay on the road and follow it for another 400 metres to the point where you first reached the road.*

Turn left on to the white blazed trail.

Retrace your outbound route turning right at S6.

At the next t-junction you turn left leaving your outbound route

This is point A, referenced above

At the fork take a right staying on the white blazed trail.

At S2 turn right and follow the track north.

Join the outbound route for a short while but where your outbound travels come in from the right keep going straight to reach S3.

Enter Durham Regional Forest following the Sky Loft connection trail (white blazes). After 700 metres of climbing the trail levels out and reaches DW4 where you turn left to stay on the white blazed trail.

More climbing on a wide trail - keep following the white blazed trail.

At DW3 ignore the trail entrance and keep straight on the white blazed trail. Shortly after you reach a fork. Bear right following the sign for the parking lot.

Bear right following the red oak trail then at the information panel at DW2 turn left. Ignoring any side trails you follow this forest road westbound back to your car. (Or retrace your outbound route which is slightly longer but prettier)